

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present in-person: Emily Anderson, Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Catherine Emmanuelle, David Klinkhammer and Terry Weld. The following Council Members were present remotely: Jeremy Gragert and John Lor. The following Council Members were absent: Kate Beaton and Andrew Werthmann.

UPDATE

Council Member Werthmann joined the meeting in-person.

Update by Interim City Manager Solberg regarding City operations and local response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council Member Beaton joined the meeting in-person.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, June 8, 2021:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the May 25, 2021 Council Legislative Session.
- Authorizing the Community Services Department to apply for grant monies from the Wisconsin Clean Diesel Grant Program to purchase electric riding lawn mowers.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2021-2023 licensing period.
- Granting a Class B Cabaret license to 200 Main LLC, d/b/a 200 Main Art & Wine, 200 Main Street, Judy Melland, agent.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage license of Eau Claire Lodge No. 402 Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of the United States of America Inc., d/b/a BPO Elks Lodge #402, 3411 Stein Boulevard, from Clyde A. Hulbert to Thomas C. Billig.
- Granting the renewal of the following licenses for the 2021-2022 licensing period:
 - Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Class B Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Class A Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Class A liquor (Cider Only) license.
 - Class C Wine licenses.

- Class A Cabaret licenses.
 - Class B Cabaret licenses.
 - Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2021-29, Keith Street Reconstruction.
 - Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2021-31, Central Maintenance Facility Vehicle Lift Replacement.
 - Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2021-40, Riverview Drive Reconstruction.
- Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the consent resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATION

President Weld read a proclamation proclaiming Saturday, June 19, 2021, as Juneteenth Day in the City of Eau Claire and encouraging all residents to join in recognizing this day of unity, freedom, and opportunity, and to honor the diversity of all racial and ethnic groups in our community.

SPECIAL EVENT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City of Eau Claire, with Festival Foods, to conduct the Fireworks on July 4, 2021. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Beaton, Berge, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Klinkhammer, Lor and Weld. Nay: Council Members Anderson and Werthmann.

SKY PARK PROPERTY TRANSACTION

The City Council considered a resolution approving an offer to purchase for the sale of part of Lot 1 in Sky Park to Q Properties, LLC. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

AGREEMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with MCHS Hospitals, INC, d/b/a Marshfield Medical Center-Eau Claire, allowing MCHS to participate in the State 340B Program, a drug discount program to provide healthcare services to individuals experiencing low-income. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution approving the renewal of an agreement between the City of Eau Claire and the Eau Claire Horseshoe Club for the use of Carson Park. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.”

Council Member Anderson left the Council Chamber.

Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Beaton, Berge, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Klinkhammer, Lor, Weld and Werthmann.

Absent: Council Member Anderson.

Council Member Anderson returned to the Council Chamber.

The City Council considered a resolution approving the renewal of an agreement between the City of Eau Claire and the North Riverfronts Neighborhood Association for the use of the Forest Street Special Area for community gardens. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Berge, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Klinkhammer, Lor and Weld. Abstained: Council Member Werthmann.

The City Council considered a resolution approving the renewal of a contract with the State of Wisconsin for the Fire Department to provide Hazardous Materials Response System services. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

The City Council considered a resolution approving an appointment to fill the vacant At-Large seat on the City Council. Twelve residents had submitted letters of interest for the position, with three withdrawing from the process. The Council considered the remaining nine candidates, who had been given the opportunity to be interviewed by Council at a meeting on May 27, 2021 and to make a presentation to Council at its meeting on June 7, 2021. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.” Discussion was held. Council President Weld indicated that Council would vote by a show of hands, with six votes for a candidate needed for appointment. A vote was taken with candidates receiving the following number of votes:

The tally for the first round of voting was:

Jacqueline Roelant	received 0 votes	
Regina Melendy	received 0 votes	
Josh Stanley	received 0 votes	
Dang Yang	received 3 votes	(Anderson, Klinkhammer, Lor)
Douglas Allen	received 0 votes	
Chad Rowekamp	received 0 votes	
Randall DeMars	received 0 votes	
Laura Jones Holm	received 0 votes	
Roderick Jones	received 7 votes	(Beaton, Berge, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Weld, Werthmann)

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to amend the resolution” by inserting the name of Roderick Jones in the resolution. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

A vote was then taken to “to adopt the resolution” appointing Roderick Jones to the vacant At-Large seat on the City Council.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PARKING

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending Table IX of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled “Parking During Specified Hours.”

ZONING

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning properties located at the southeast corner of Galloway Street and River Prairie Drive from I-2 to R-2P and R-3P and P-Public and to adopt the general development plan for a mixture of single-family, twin homes, multi-family and city-owned open space (Z-1693-21).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning property located at 4215 Drier Court from TR-1A to R-1 (Z-1694-21).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning property located at the east end of Hagman Street from R-1A and R-2P and to adopt the general development plan with reduction in the front yard setback to 25 feet instead of the required 30 feet for twin home development (Z-1695-21).

A brief recess was taken.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE TASK FORCE

Following the conclusion of their Legislative Session, the City Council held a Pre-legislative Discussion at which it accepted the recommendation of the Communicable Disease Task Force to take no further action regarding the communicable disease ordinance referred to at this time. Staff will continue to follow relevant appellate court cases and should a future decision on local health officer authority be issued, an ordinance may be proposed to City Council as necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: June 8, 2021

Time: 7:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk